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Dr. Earl J. McGrath
President, The University of
Kansas City
Kansas City 10, Missouri

Dear Dr. McGrath:

This will acknowledge your letter of 18 October 1954, regarding the establishment of a Russian Studies Center at the University of Kansas City.

The program outlined in your Prospectus, which would reach beyond the university to high schools, civic groups and others, should make a commendable contribution to both formal and adult education. This education is vitally important in developing wide understanding of contemporary national and international affairs.

While I firmly believe in the importance of a program such as you anticipate, I do not feel it would be appropriate for the Central Intelligence Agency to be associated with such an undertaking. However, I would be interested in the progress made in the development of the program and your observations of the impact it has on the groups to which it is addressed.

Your courtesy in calling this matter to my attention is greatly appreciated, and I wish you every success in its development.

Sincerely yours,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Dr. Earl J. McGrath, Ph.D
President, The University of Kansas City
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Dear Dr. McGrath:

I am much impressed by the Prospectus for a Russian Center at the University of Kansas City. Such a program which reaches beyond the university to high schools, civic groups and others should make a commendable contribution to both formal and adult education. Education of these groups is vitally important in developing wide understanding of contemporary national and international affairs. I shall be interested in the development of the program and in your observations of the impact it has on the groups to which it is addressed.

While I do believe in the importance of a program along lines of the Prospectus, I do not feel that it would be appropriate for the Central Intelligence Agency to be associated with it. I do, however, appreciate your informing me of it, and I wish you success in its development.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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